

EVANGELIST OPENS REVIVAL CRUSADE

Evangelist Billy Graham opened the crusade for 100,000 yesterday with a dynamic demand for city-wide revival before an estimated 5000 persons in a tent at Washington Blvd. and Hill St.

The blond, 30-year-old minister from Minneapolis viewed with alarm a nation and a city many of whose citizens, he said, have fallen from grace.

But for the earnest prayers of godly people this country would have felt firsthand the ravages of World War II, he asserted.

'Sinful World'

Discussing his six tours of Europe since the war, Dr. Graham said: "All across Europe people know that time is running out. Now that Russia has the atomic bomb the world is in an armament race driving us to destruction."

Reviewing an era of humanism, paganism and materialism which, he said, the world has just come

through, he claimed it is time for a revival of Christianity to save a sinful world from God's judgment.

"Our responsibility as Christians rests heavily upon our shoulders," he continued. "The gates of Heaven are still open to those that believe," he added.

Revival Continues

"I believe that we can have a revival today if we meet the conditions of Almighty God." These conditions, he said, include repentance, prayer and faith.

Clifford F. Smith, president of Christ for Greater Los Angeles; George Beverly Shea, singer; Cliff Barrows, singer; the Rev. Merv Rosell, and others participated in the services. The revival will continue week days at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 3 and 8:45 p.m. for 23 days. Hundreds of Los Angeles area churches are joining in its sponsorship.